IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hideaki HARUMOTO et al. :

Serial No. NEW : Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH

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SYSTEM STREAM CREATING APPARATUS WHICH ADJUSTS SYSTEM CLOCK REFERENCE BASED ON TOTAL NUMBER OF PICTURES TO BE STORED AND DECODED DURING CERTAIN TIME PERIOD (Rule 1.53(b) Divisional

(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of Serial No. 09/666,102, Filed September 20, 2000)

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: